



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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NOAA Fisheries Seeks Comments on a Proposed Rule for U.S. Caribbean Parrotfish Minimum Size Limits

Comment Period Ends April 10, 2013

NOAA Fisheries is seeking public comment on a proposed rule for Regulatory Amendment 4 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Fishery of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands (Regulatory Amendment 4). The proposed rule for Regulatory Amendment 4 published in the *Federal Register* on **March 11, 2013** (78 FR 15338). The comment period ends on **April 10, 2013**.

The proposed rule for Regulatory Amendment 4 includes:

- A commercial and recreational minimum size limit of 8 inches fork length for redband parrotfish in federal waters off St. Croix.
- A commercial and recreational minimum size limit of 9 inches fork length for all other allowable parrotfish species in federal waters off St. Croix (princess, queen, striped, redband, stoplight, and redband parrotfish).
- No minimum size limits for parrotfish harvest in federal waters off St. Thomas/St. John or Puerto Rico.

This bulletin provides only a summary of the information regarding the existing regulations. Any discrepancies between this bulletin and the regulations as published in the *Federal Register* will be resolved in favor of the *Federal Register*.

Request for Comments

Written comments on this proposed rule must be received **no later than April 10, 2013**, to be considered by NOAA Fisheries.

Comments received by NOAA Fisheries will be addressed in the final rule. Electronic copies of the proposed rule or the amendment may be obtained

from the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Web site at www.caribbeanfmc.com.

How to Submit Comments

You may submit comments by either of the following methods. Comments received through other means may not be considered.

Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal.

- Go to:
<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0009>
- Click on "Comment Now!" Complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- Attachments to electronic comments (up to 10 MB) will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

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All comments will be part of the public record, and generally posted for public viewing to www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter, may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. Anonymous comments will be accepted.